Under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 CBI can undertake investigation of only such cases where extent and jurisdiction is granted to it by specific order.

### CVC's Suggestion to Check Corruption

1327.   SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER  be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner has recently suggested several measures to check corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various steps taken by Government to check corruption at various places have proved to be ineffective or Government are satisfied with the achievements;

(d) the other strategy to be adopted to check corruption in the country;

(e) the number of cases in which advice of the CVC is pending with Government for action for more than five years; and

(f) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In order to bring down the level of corruption in the country, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has suggested several measures which, *inter-alia*, include enactment/amendments of certain laws like formulation of rules under the Benami Transaction Prohibition Act, enactment of Freedom of Information Act, amending the Income-Tax as well as Customs & Excise Act on the principle of zero exemption and zero discretion respectively apart from strengthening of vigilance and anti-corruption machinery.

(c) and (d) The Government is committed to provide clean administration and to eradicate corruption at all levels. The endeavor of the Government to check malpractice in administration is a continuing process. The policies formulated in this regard are modified from time to time in order to make them more effective and responsive to the changing environment. In the

Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, the Secretary and the Head of the Department concerned is responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in their respective organizations. The Central Vigilance Commission Bill and the Lokpal Bill have already been introduced in the Parliament by the Government. Further, Citizens' Charters have been drawn up for 61 Departments/ Organisations besides opening 45 Information & Facilitation Counters.

(e) and (f) As per the information furnished by the Central Vigilance Commission, as on 22.09.2001, 553 cases of first stage advice and 155 cases of second stage advice, were pending implementation for more than five years. As regards the reasons for delay in implementation CVC's adivce, it is primarily for the concerned Disciplinary Authorities to implement the advice of CVC. The Commission, however, has been reminding the concerned authorities from time to time. Details of reasons for the delay are not centrally maintained.

### Inquiry Against IAS Officers

†1328. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
       SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified those IAS officers holding higher posts in respect of whom C.B.I. has sought permission to conduct inquiry into the cases of corruption etc. during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of those officers and the Ministries where they are posted together with the posts held by them; and

(c) the details of the allegations against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Supreme Court in its judgment dated 18.12.1997 in the Vineet Narain case struck down provisions of Single directive which provided that there should be prior consultation with the Secretary of the concerned Ministry/ Department before the CBI takes up any inquiry in respect of certain category of officers in the Central Government etc. Therefore, the CBI does not require permission of the Government to conduct inquiry into cases of corruption against any Government servant including IAS officers holding higher posts.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.